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ARA/AND/E PASS AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EC CASC

SUBJ: MISSING PERSONS IN ECUADOR: VISIT OF NBC TV FILM TO ECUADOR

1. PAUL ALTMAYER OF NBC NEWS CALLED CHARGE MARCH 8 FROM NY TO INFORM EMBASSY HE INTENDED ARRIVE QUITO MARCH 16 WITH A FILM CREW OF 7 AMERICANS TO MAKE A DOCUMENTARY ON THE MISSING PERSONS CASES IN ECUADOR. HE SAID HE WOULD REMAIN IN ECUADOR UNTIL APRIL 21. CHARGE WILL MEET WITH ALTMAYER MORNING MARCH 17.

2. ALTMAYER STATED HE WOULD WANT ACCESS TO ALL FILES PERTAINING TO MISSING PERSONS CASES IN ECUADOR, AND WOULD BE CARRYING LETTERS OF CONSENT FOR ACCESS FROM EACH OF THE FAMILIES CONCERNED. CHARGE INFORMED ALTMAYER THAT LETTERS FROM FAMILIES TO HIM PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR FREE ACCESS TO ALL EMBASSY FILES ON MISSING AMERICANS BECAUSE OF PRIVACY ACT. ALTMAYER STATED HE WOULD CALL ADMINISTRATOR FOR SCA TO DISCUSS HOW TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE FILES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON ACCESS TO FILES BY NBC TEAM, CONSISTENT WITH PROVISIONS OF PRIVACY ACT.  
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